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**PATENT
MAIL STOP AMENDMENT**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re:	Patent Application of Robert Doms, et al.	: Group Art Unit: 1648
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Appln. No.:	10/032,311	: Examiner: Jeffrey S. Parkin, Ph.D.
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Filed:	December 21, 2001	: Attorney Docket No.
		: 53893-5012-01
Title:	A LIPOPARTICLE COMPRISING A PROTEIN AND METHODS OF MAKING AND USING THE SAME	: (M-2264)
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This response is Responsive to the Restriction Requirement mailed on July 22, 2004(Paper No. 19072004), in the above-captioned application. This Response is being timely filed especially since the date for reply extends to and through Monday, August 23, 2004, as August 22, 2004, is a Sunday.

Election of Invention

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants elect to prosecute Group I, claims 1-8, drawn to sundry isolated lipoparticles comprising multiple membrane spanning proteins.

This election is being made without traverse and without prejudice to the inclusion of the subject matter of the non-elected claims in any later filed divisional or continuation application.

Election of Invention Within Group I

It is the Examiner's view that a number of independent inventions exist within

Group I. Specifically, the Examiner requires that if Applicants elect to prosecute Group I, further elections of lipoparticle characteristics must be made. While not necessarily agreeing with the Examiner's reasoning, but for the sake of expediting prosecution of this application, Applicants hereby elect murine leukemia virus (MLV) as a lipoparticle and CXCR4 as a membrane spanning protein.

This election is being made without traverse and without prejudice to the inclusion of the non-elected subject matter of the claims in any later filed divisional or continuation application.

Linking Claims

Applicants respectfully acknowledge, as pointed out by the Examiner at page 3 of the Restriction Requirement, that the instant application contains linking claims and, more specifically, that Group I claims comprise at least one such linking claim, *e.g.*, claim 1. The Examiner further notes that upon allowance of any of the linking claims of the presently elected invention, the restriction requirement as to the linked inventions shall be withdrawn and any claims depending from or otherwise including all the limitations of the allowable linking claims will be entitled to examination in the instant application.

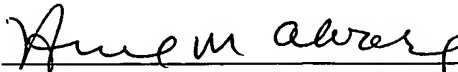
Summary

Early consideration and allowance of the claims in the present application is requested at the earliest possible time.

Respectfully submitted,

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